



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 7, 2000

Barbara W. Bonfiglio
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1155 21st Street
Washington, D.C. 20036-3308

RE: MUR 4946

Dear Ms. Bonfiglio:

On November 16, 1999, the Federal Election Commission notified the Cable News Network ("CNN") of a complaint alleging that CNN News violated sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On June 20, 2000, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by you and by other Respondents, that there is no reason to believe that Respondent CNN News violated any portion of the Act. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information, as well as a Statement of Reasons by Chairman Darryl R. Wold and Commissioner David M. Mason explaining their votes.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

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If you have any questions, please contact Tracey C. Robinson, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel



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Enclosure
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